

vast and profound, SOHA, is thine abode ;
 thou art
 pure as the beloved MITRA, munificent
 art thou,
 as

IV. (LXXXIX.)

RisM and metre as before.

1. This horse of burden moves
 forth by the
 (sacrificial) paths ; when purified thou
 flowest like
 the *raiD* from heaven ; the thousand-
 streamed *Soma*
 sits down amongst us on his mother's
 lap in the
 water.
2. The sovereign *Soma* has put on the
 vestment
 of the waters, he has ascended the most
 straight-
 going ship of sacrifice ; the dripping
 juice brought
 by the falcon has increased in the
 waters; the
 father milks him — milks him the son of
 the father.¹
3. (The worshippers) reach the lion-like
 (*Soma*)
 the dispenser of water, green-tinted,
 red, the pro-
 tector of this heaven ; a hero in battles,
 first (among
 the gods) he seeks the (stolen) cows ; by
 his might
 the sprinkler (!>TDRA) protects (the
 universe).
4. (The priests) attach to the broad-
 wheeled car
 the glossy-backed terrible active
 graceful horse;
 the sister fingers cleanse him ; the
 kinsfolk in-
 vigoate the mighty

¹ The Scholiast finds it difficult to make sense
 of this; *pita*

(*pdlako lokah* } he supposes to mean the
Adhwaryu, who extracts
the juice of the Soma which is born from the
heaven as from
a father; or the first milker may be the *yajamdna*
and the second
the *adhicaryu*; or *dufe* may be repeated out of
respect.